1987-88 to 1989-90, the following programmes initiated will be continued during 1989-90 for boosting pepper production by the Ministry of Agriculture:

(i) Production and distribution of rooted cuttings of high yielding varieties of pepper—50 lakhs.

(ii) Distribution of input kits containing fertilizers and plant protection chemicals sufficient for 20 vines at token price—60,000 kits.

(iii) Distribution of plant protection sprayers at 50 per cent subsidised rate—300 sprayers.

(iv) Rehabilitation of existing pepper gardens in Kerala by replanting and scientific measures providing 50 per cent subsidy on the cost.

The Spices Board is supplementing the efforts for development of pepper by supplying about 45 lakhs rooted pepper cuttings annually to the farmers since 1987-88.

Supply of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry

2552. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the Karnataka Government's refusal to supply Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, the regions, especially Tanjore district and Karaikal have been suffering for want of irrigation facilities in the region;

(b) whether Tamil Nadu Government have approached the Central Government for settling the dispute and for honouring the agreement entered into between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Governments in 1984; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government are taking for giving due share of water to Tamil Nadu and also Karnataka region of the Union Territory of Pondicherry for saving the paddy crops in Tanjore delta and Karaikal region respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Karnataka have made releases of water for Tamilnadu this year.

(b) The Tamil Nadu Government have approached the Centre to settle the dispute on sharing of Cauvery waters.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

2553 [Transferred to the 27th March, 1987].

Import of rifampicin

2554. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry had granted import licences to certain parties for the import of Rifampicin for meeting export orders of its finished medicines;

(b) if so, the names of the parties, quantity and value of each import licence issued during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what are the details of each export order of formulations;

(d) whether any of the parties imported the bulk drug; and

(e) if so, the quantity imported by each, CIF price per kilogramme and source of import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of bulk drugs and durg intermediates

2555. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the import of bulk drugs and drug intermediates during the last three years, yearwise;